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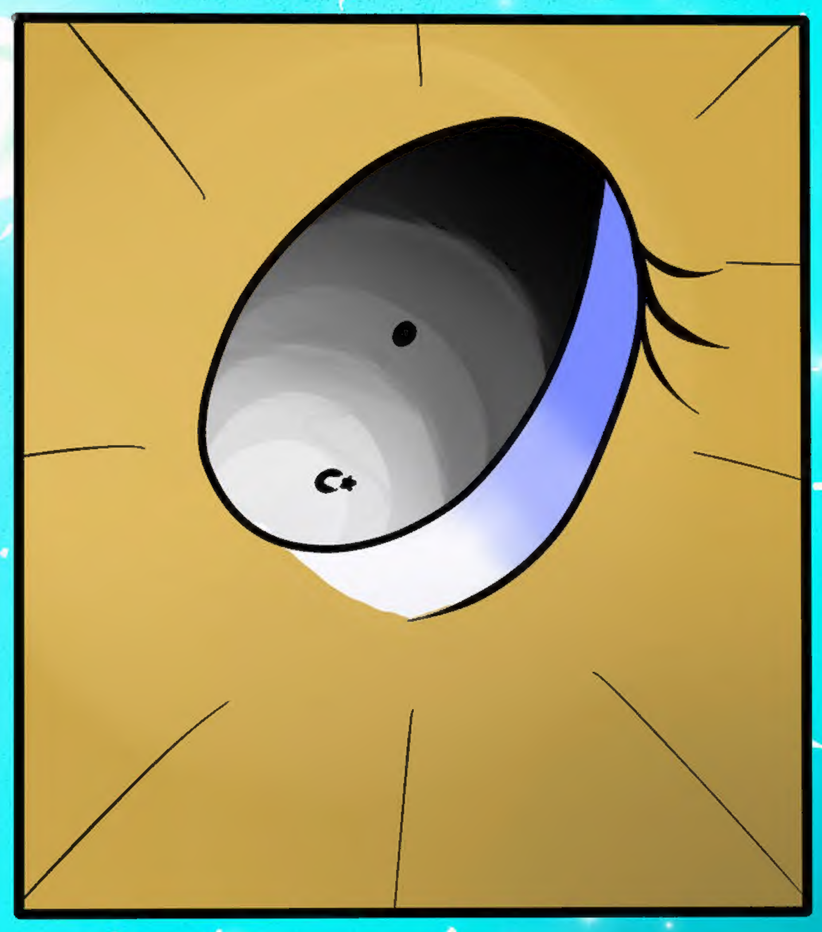

No!

Pant
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Huh?

I'm...home...?
In our cave?

So it was a dream after all... but, it's the last time that it'll happen...right...?

~Rustle~

Yalini?

Huh?

You okay?

You screamed in your sleep again...

Uh...

I-I'm fine, it happens all of the time!

Yalini

Aye...you sure?

Y-yes, Starsong.

Well, okay! If you say so!

C-C'mon then. Let's go.

Oh crap, right!

The weekend is over, so it's time for school!

Aw, right!!!

Umm...are you sure about this, Yalini? The people there tend to be... rude.

How else am I suppose to be a performer? I can't enter by myself since I don't have a human parent.

I-it's all right though. Just one more year, Serpex.

I won't let those bullies get to me this time.

Er... hopefully.

...Sigh...

I can't wait for today to be over...

Want one?

Munch

S-sure, buddy.

Yalini

Here! You can have one too, friend!

Wh-whoa, wait... where'd that oran berry go?

I gave it to the humans watching us!

What humans...y-you mean your imaginary friends? Yalini's the only person in this cave, y-you know...

Oh! I guess you can't see them...but they're here, Serpex! Positive!

Okay...?
I-I swear...I love you, Starsong, but y-you worry me sometimes...

Toss

There, done!

?

~Munch~

Yalini

Ready to go out again today!

Whoa! That was quick...

?

Aren't you forgetting something?

Your shoes?

Huh?

Nahh...as a wild girl, I don't need them!

Umm... ...okay?

Hey, Shiloh!

Not today, Starsong.

Wanna come with us?!

Aww... Wynaut?

As your caretaker, I of course must prepare your meals today, my daughter...

I have also been seeing strange things, as of late...

You mean your oracle visions?

Yes.

Wh-what did you see, Shiloh?

I cannot say for sure...but please be back before dark...

?

Don't worry, Shiloh. We'll return soon.

R-Right!

Yeah! And with Free and Kaden and Orion, no bad guys would dare mess with us!

...

Thank you. Now run along.

Y-yes, Papa.

Here's your bag, Yalini!

Thanks, Starsong.

No problem!

There we go.

Let's go outside and take off, you two.

All right!!!
FINALLY!!

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Stops

What do you think, Starsong, Serpex?

This looks like a good spot to take off, doesn't it?

A-ah...y'know I don't have a good sense of direction, Starsong...

Oh, right...and I'm sorry for dropping you, Serpex!

???

I-it's okay!

Er, don't we always do that here, though?

Ow...

Can we just go already?

Um...

Ah, here she is!

Come on out, Free!

Throw

POOF

Togekiss! Hai, mommy!

Good morning. How are you?

I'm okie. Is it time to go?

Yup! Academy time again!

Y-you ready, Free?

Ye! Hop on.

Alright!

Only 14 years old.

A life with no human parents...just out here, in the wild...

...Oh well. I don't mind, really.

At least I have my pokemon.

Sometime later...

Are we almost there yet, Free?

Almost, mom. Just a few more miles.

Oh, well all right.

Guess we just have to sit tight and continue waiting...

Bored!

!

Hiya!

Bite!

Nya!

Wait a minute...

AGH, GET OFF!

Oh geez!

Whoa! Calm down, Yalini!

Serpex is right, mom!

If you keep flailing around like that, we'll crash!

I can't 'calm down', until Starsong lets go of my Shadow Stone!

Wobble~

S-starsong! Now's not the time to play around! Let go!

Muffle

Naaw...but we didn't have anything to eat this morning! Plus I'm REALLY bored, so...

I ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, AND THE ANSWER IS **NO**.

Okay!

Ha!

pop!

There you go, Yalini!

No problem!

Th-thanks...

Sigh...and to think, I was going to sleep...

Soon...

Toge! We're here, everyone!

Thank you, Free! Now return!

Ki! No problem, good luck!

You guys return to your pokeballs too, Starsong and Serpex.

Aww! Why can't we stay outside with you?

W-we're only allowed out during battles and performance classes.

I-it's sadly in the rules, buddy...

Both of you, return!

No fair dude...

Sorry, guys...

It'll be over soon, don't worry.

Lunchtime

Finally...after that test, I need some time to relax and think...

...For someone who has no human friends...I sure do have a lot going on...

...That Gardevoir...

What could she possibly want with someone like me...? Making me go through those dreams...and my stone...what if...

Well well well...look who it is, sitting all by herself as usual.

?

Having a nice lunch there, Yalini?

Crap...not those girls again! What do they want now...?

Please leave me alone... I-I really don't want to fight today...

Now why should we?

Especially after last time, silly child...~

La La La~

H-hey, that wasn't my fault!

You guys were chasing Kaden! I wasn't about to sit around and let you scare him.

Only because I wanted to catch that little cutie!

He's my pokemon, y'know...

Oh, you mean this cherish ball here?

H-hey!

Please! Give him b-

AH!

Oh, whoops! I'm so sorry, Yalini!

Tripped her

Though you should really look where you're running, dear.

Why you...

I really don't know why you try to act tough. You clearly can't do anything on your own. So why don't you run on back home to mommy, okay?

Oh, wait... that's right.

YOU DON'T HAVE ONE.

Smell you later, loser!

K-Kaden...

Geez, what a coward.

I know right?

!?

She couldn't even protect her own Pokémon!

Yeah...

Wh-what?

Umm...maybe we should've helped her...y'know?

Oh, no way. Bad idea.

My mom said that orphans are just wild, idiotic savages.

W-wait, is that true!?

W-wow...

Uh, duh, of course.

COWARD

WEAK

LOSER

SAVAGE

SAVAGE

SAVAGE

WEAK

WEAK

S-stop it...stop it...stop...it's not true...

You're wrong! You all know nothing about me and my Pokémon!

Why...

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Why does this always happen to me!?

But more importantly, Kaden's gone...and to think I was strong...

Pant

Slam!

Pant

But I'm wrong...this is all my fault.

Pant

Pant

...I need to stop crying...if I can...

Nngh...

Pant

Pant

Why is it so hard...I can't stop. I...I... ugh...

I can't
do this anymore...

Sniff...huh?

!?

My stone...why
is it glowing
all of the sudden...?

Yalini?

Are you all
right? I could
sense your sadness
from within my
pokeball.

O-orion...?

Y-you shouldn't be out of your pokeball. Wh-what if someone sees you?

I'm sorry. I just couldn't help myself when I heard you crying.

Hm?

Kaden's cherish ball is missing.

Did those girls take him again?

...Yeah...and it's all my fault.

The students are right...I couldn't even protect him! I'm a horrible trainer...

I have to disagree with you on that, sister.

I mean, you won the Pokemon World Tournament, and claimed the Champion title.

I know but...

I only won because of Shiloh and his Future Sight...

You know how Pokemon battles work.

But still...

Which wouldn't have happened if you didn't give the order.

No more 'buts', Yalini.

Yalinix

Before anything else though, we should get Kaden back.

Classes will be starting again soon, so I won't get caught in the school. When I do find those girls, and when you're feeling any better, I'll let you know.

...Right, okay...

Um, wait, Orion?

Yeah, Yalini?

Umm...this is kinda out of the blue, but why can I talk to Pokemon? I-is it like, a natural ability or something? I...never understood it.

Well, Shiloh thinks it's because you learned our language as he raised you.

But...I feel like it has something to do with your glowing stone over there.

My Shadow Stone?

Yeah. It's just a feeling my aura has.

I'm sorry I don't have a clear answer...but anyway, I should go now before everyone heads home.

R-right...right. Thank you though, Orion.

~creak~

~Slam!~

~Sigh~

...I guess Orion is right...but in the end, I don't belong here...

It's getting brighter...

?

My former title as champion means nothing here. Ugh...

!?

~Fwoosha!

~Sparkle~

~Sparkle~

The mark...?

Up

BOOM!

OWW!!!

Can't...move!

Crack!

Crack!

Click!

~Rumble~

Ugh, I hate being inside my ball!

Good thing I had an excuse to get out, with the noise and all...? Huh?

Whoa, the ground's all steamy and stuff!

Wait, where's my trainer...? Yalini! Where are ya!?

* ~GLINT~ *

Huh...? I see something sparkling down there in front of me...

Yalini

!!! She was wearing these...

I...I don't get it...

What happened...

...Yalini...sister...

Where did you go?

...

The time has come.

Chaos is approaching... they must reunite.

And enter a new era!

End of chapter 2